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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Maruyama

Serial No. 09/963,738

Group Art Unit: 1623

Filed: September 26, 2001

Examiner: E. White

For: BASE MATERIAL FOR DRY DIRECT TABLETING COMPRISING LOW
SUBSTITUTED HYDROXYPROPYL CELLULOSE

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed December 23, 2002.

Applicant provides the present Amendment pursuant to the Revised Amendment Format
instituted for the prototype Electronic File Wrapper program described in 1265 Off. Gaz. Pat.
Office 87 (Dec. 17, 2002) and that has been expanded to include all Technology Centers and
amendments to the specification and drawings. Thus, the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.121(a),
(b), (c) and (d) are waived for the present Amendment.